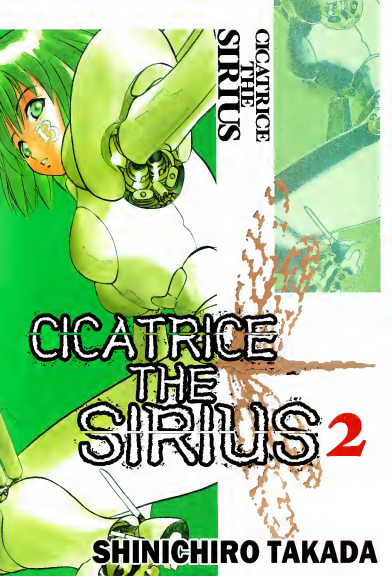




CICATRICE
THE
SIRIUS

CICATRICE
THE
SIRIUS 2

SHINICHIRO TAKADA



CICATRICE THE SIRIUS

シリウスの痕

2

I hope you still remember me.

高田慎一郎

SHINICHIRO TAKADA

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CHAPTER 7
DAMAGE
FROM
TIME

【第7話】時間のダメージ

RAPIER-CLASS.
2ND STAGE
TITLE MATCH
IS HELD
TOMORROW!

WILL
FILVEAR
II BE
CROWNED
THE
WINNER?

SHAKE

SHAKE

BADUMP

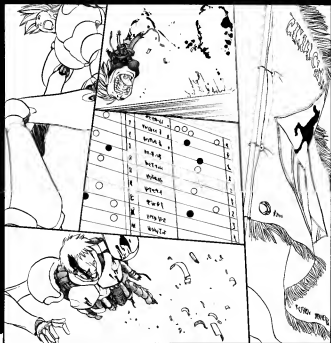
BADUMP

BADUMP

AH...

AH...!

DOG FIGHT
10.29
RAPIER CLASS
TITLE MATCH



WHAT WHAT'S THIS EXCITEMENT ?











HITLER



THAT'S
WHY THERE
ARE PEOPLE
COMING FOR
THEIR MONEY
EVERY DAY...

HE'S...
BEEN
MISSING
SINCE
HALF A
YEAR
AGO...



WHAT...!
NO WAY...!!



...HUH?





BADUMP

BADUMP

何... 19

こみあげてくる
この懐かしさ
みたいな...?

THIS NOSTALGIC
FEELING FILLING
MY HEART ?

91
WHAT ?

BADUMP



THAT...
THAT
TECHNOLOGY...



MY
GRANDFATHER
ORIGINALLY
STUDIED
MACHINES
AND HUMANS
FOR
MEDICINAL
PURPOSES.

HE
NEVER
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE USE
FOR...

OH!

SOR...RY...



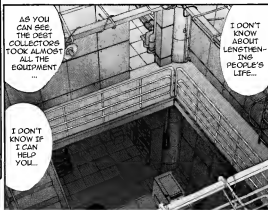
I'LL
GO
MAKE
SOME
TEA!



AS YOU
CAN SEE,
THE BEST
COLLECTORS
TOOK ALMOST
ALL THE
EQUIPMENT
...

I DON'T
KNOW IF
I CAN
HELP
YOU...

I DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
LENGTHEN-
ING
PEOPLE'S
LIFE...



COULD IT BE ...!!



WHAT
HAPPENED
?!







SORRY...
ALL THIS...
TROUBLE...
WE
BROUGHT...

NO...
SHE'S...
RIGHT...



APRIL!
HOW
CAN
YOU
SAY
THAT?!



THE
MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT
FOR
TOMORROW'S
DGS
FIGHT!

WHY
NOT
TAKE
THEM?

...HUM?



BUT WE
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
HOW MANY
HOURS
SHE
HAS...!



SISTER
....!



A
DEPLOYMENT
...?)

MORE THAN
ATTACHMENT...

I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE...

THIS GRUDGE...



配備か...!?

いや、配属と
うより...



晴らさせて
もらうぞ...

この傷の
恨み...



俺の育てあげた
精鋭中の精鋭だ

THESE ARE MY
OWN MEN,
THE ELITE OF
THE ELITE!

今度はこの
借り物じゃねえ!

THIS TIME IT'S
NOT SOME
RENTAL
IMBECILES!

AND THEN THERE'S THIS NEW ATTACHMENT.



I'LL USE
THAT
WOMAN!

新しくて
強力な
新兵器

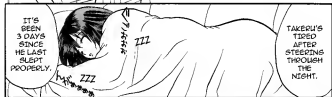


シリウス

SIRIUS!

待つてろ

WAIT FOR ME







THE
BLACK
WAR GOD
FILVEAR III

CLANK

KA-CHING

ROAAR

BELGER,
THE
MAVERICK!

THE
RAPIER-CLASS
2ND STAGE
CHAMPION WITH
AN IMPRESSIVE
6 VICTORIES
IN A ROW. I

AND
FROM
THE
WESTERN
GATE
COMES.

WHRR WHRR

ROAAR

AND NOW
WE HAVE A
CHALLENGER
FROM THE
EASTERN
GATE!
CAPTAIN
MALPHA'S
OWN HERO!

11 VICTORIES,
2 LOSSES
AND
9 K.O.'S!
AN
IMPRESSIVELY
HIGH
CRUSHING
RATE!

GO!



WE'RE ON
STANDBY IN
10,000 MI!

YEAH.

SISTER!
DO YOU
HEAR
ME?

WE'LL STEAL THE
MATERIAL
AFTER TAKING
CARE OF
THE PLANE
COMING AFTER US.

WE'LL
MOVE
WHEN YOU
START
YOUR
THING!

6 MINUTES,
OKAY!

DASH

SO, YOU'LL
HAVE TO
HOLD OUT
10... NO,
6 MINUTES!

GET
STRAIGHT
UP AND
WE'LL BE
ON OUR
WAY!

WE'LL
PREPARE
THE ESCAPE
ROUTE,
SO LEAD
THE REST
HERE!

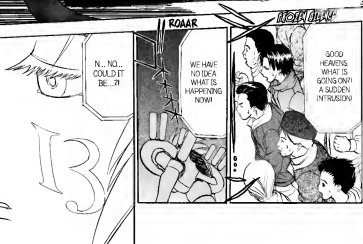
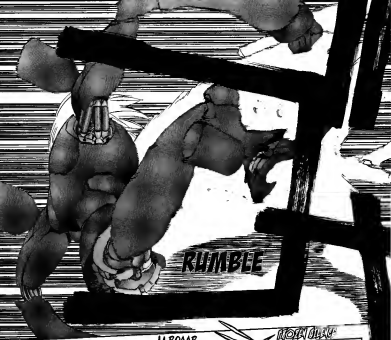
この胸の
高鳴り...は？

BADUMP

WHAT'S THIS...
EXCITEMENT...?

BADUMP
BADUMP







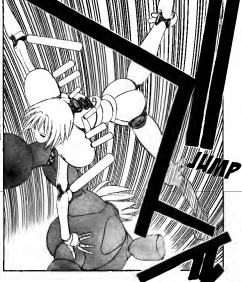
OH! FILVEAR IS CHARGING TOWARDS THE INTRUDER!



THE GLOWING EDGE OF PHANTOM ON ITS ARM... WHICH MEANS...



THERE'S
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT!
IT'S THE
INVINCIBLE
KATZBALGER-
CLASS
FIGHTER
WITH 30
VICTORIES IN
A ROW!



ROAAAR

IT HAS
ESCAPED
VERY
RECENTLY!!

FURTHERMORE...
WE HAVE
JUST RECEIVED
INFO FROM
HEADQUARTERS!

IT'S
UNHEARD OF!
THE FIRST
INTRUDER
INCIDENT SINCE
THE BEGINNING
OF DOG
FIGHTS!



THE
LEGENDARY
WHITE
NUMBER
13!

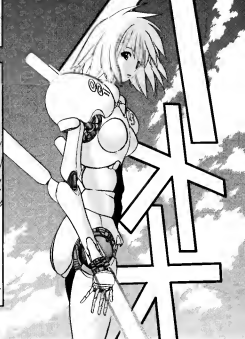
TITLED
SIRIUS,
THE
DOG
STAR!

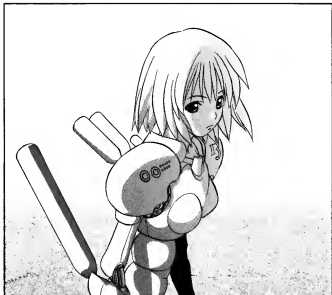


BZZZZZZ



THIS ISN'T FEAR...
THIS SHAKING
THIS THROBBING !





CHAPTER 8
【第8話】

闘争本能
FIGHTING INSTINCT





CHATTER CHATTER

INTO
THIS WERE
RAPIER-
CLASS
FIGHT?

MARCELLES,
WHAT'S
THE MEANING
OF US BEING
CALLED,

THUD THUD

THIS
SPECIAL
MATCH I HAVE
PREPARED FOR
YOU TO
EXPRESS MY
GRATITUDE
FOR YOUR
PATRONAGE.

CLACK
CLACK

GENTLEMEN,
THE REASON
FOR ME TO
BOTHER YOU
IS NO LESS
THAN...

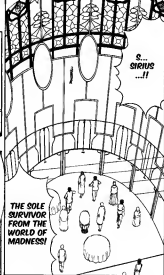
GULP

THAT'S...?!

THAT...



WHAT
IS
THIS?!



S...
SIRIUS
...!!

THE SOLE
SURVIVOR
FROM THE
WORLD OF
MADNESS!



...WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

FOR
THE PAST
6 DAYS
SINCE SHE
RAN AWAY,
ALBION HQ
HAS BEEN
TRACKING
HER.



...INTER-
ESTING!

SIRIUS
IS FIGHTING
IN A TWO
RANK LOWER
PAPIER-CLASS
TITLE MATCH...!!
AND, IT'S 2
AGAINST 1!



PLEASE,
PLACE
YOUR
BETS!

NOW,

ROAAAR

PLEASE,
REFUND
YOUR
TICKETS
AT THE
RECEPTION!

TODAY'S
MAIN
EVENT IS
A NO
CONTEST

TRAP

IF HE
MANAGES
TO DEFEAT
SIRIUS,
HE'LL BE
AUTOMATI-
CALLY
PROMOTED
TO
KATZBALGER
!!

CHANGE
BELGER'S
OBJECTIVE
TO
SIRIUS!

...HUH?!
O...
OKAY!

ATTENTION,
PLEASE...

ALL RIGHT

FOOL!
LOOK!

CLANK CLANK

W... WHAT?
SIR?!
THEY'RE
FIGHTING
AGAINST THE
INVINCIBLE
SIRIUS?
WOULDN'T
IT BE
BETTER...

EVERYONE'S
STAYING
TO SEE
THE LEG-
ENDARY
SIRIUS
FIGHT!

EVEN
WHEN THE
OPPONENT
IS
OBVIOUSLY
INVINCIBLE.

TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE

OUR
JOB IS
TO MAKE
SURE THE
CUSTOMERS
GET A
GOOD SHOW,
RIGHT?

BELGER, FLVEAR,

THEY'RE JUST FEELINGLESS DOLLS
WHO ONLY HAVE THEIR FIGHTING
INSTINCT LEFT

ベルカー
フィルベール

恐怖も感情も
なくただ
闘争本能のみの
人形……

THIS IS THE LIFE OF A DOG, NO EXCEPTIONS.

THE
COOLANT
INJECTION...

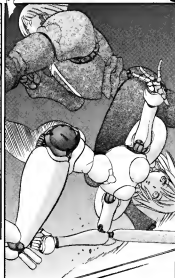
私もほんの
一週間前
までは……
I WAS LIKE THIS TOO
UNTIL JUST 1 WEEK AGO...

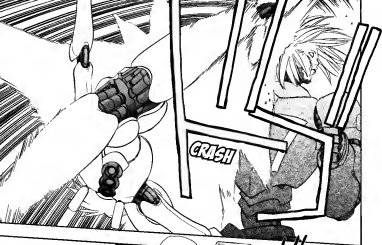
「犬」は例外なく
こんな風に
なる……

私の脳……

MY BRAIN

PLEASE, LAST FOR
A BIT LONGER.



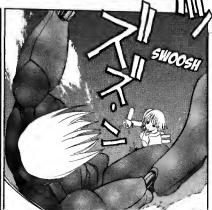






THE TWO
HUGE
MALES
ARE DOWN
IN THE
BLINK OF
AN EYE!

HE'S
DOWN!



THAT
PROWESS
IS
REMARKABLE!

ROMAAR

THE 30
WINS
ARE
NOT A
JOKE!

THIS
UNEXPECTED
OUTCOME
HAS BROUGHT
THE AUDIENCE
TO THE
CLIMAX OF
EXCITEMENT!

GURGLE

CHEER

WOW...

THAT
STRENGTH
...

THE
ALWAYS
CALM
BELGER IS
GETTING
HEATED
UP!

GROWL



OAMN!
I WANNA
SEE IT
LIVE!



INCREIBLE
!!



...EVEN THE
GUARDS
ARE
IMMERSED
IN THE
FIGHT.



AND
NOW,
THE REAL
DEAL...

THIS
EXPLOSIVE
SHOULD
TAKE CARE
OF THE
PLANE...

SIGH...

KA-CLONK







YOU
RECKLESS
SIBLINGS
CAN'T BE
LEFT TO
YOURSELVES!
RIGHT,
KAZUOKI?

YEP

OTO?
WHAT'RE
YOU...?!

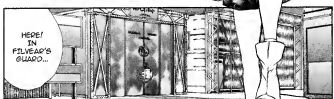
SURPRISE
ATTACK!



THE
KENNEL,
THAT'S
SPINAL FLUID
REGULATION
MACHINE, PFH,
AND... FOR
CLEANING...

AND
WHAT'RE
WE
GONNA
STEAL?

GRIP



HERE!
IN
FILVEAR'S
GUARD...

...
HANGAR
...



WE CAN'T
GET
THESE TO
PROCHYON
BY OUR-
SELVES

THIS
BIG...?



IF YOU
KNOW
WHAT
TO DO,
DO IT
ALREADY
!!

SO,
WHILE
THAT
WOMAN
ROSE IS
HOLDING
DOWN
SIRIUS,
WE'LL...

I HEAR
MR.
MARCELLES
GOT AN
ANONYMOUS
TIP.

CLOONK

CLOONK

CLOONK

CLOONK

WHY
DID THEY
KNOW
SIRIUS
WOULD BE
COMING
HERE?

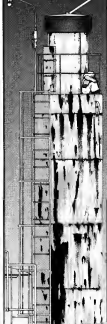
IT WAS
A CHILD,
I THINK



DOCTOR!!
PLEASE
PLEASE
SAVE
APRIL!!

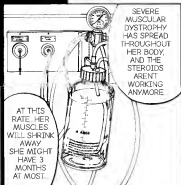


HER
CREATINE
KINASE
VALUE IS
EXTREMELY
HIGH
SO



HEALTHY
MUSCLE
TISSUE
...?

DO YOU
WISH TO
TRANSFER



SEVERE
MUSCULAR
DYSTROPHY
HAS SPREAD
THROUGHOUT
HER BODY,
AND THE
STEROIDS
AREN'T
WORKING
ANYMORE

AT THIS
RATE, HER
MUSCLES
WILL SHRINK
AWAY
SHE MIGHT
HAVE 3
MONTHS
AT MOST.

怖い!
どうして
生きてたの...?

I HAVENT SEEN
THE PHOTO OF THE
DONOR, BUT...
I KNOW IT IN MY
HEART...!!



IM SCARED!
WHYD SHE LIVE...?!

心で...分かる...?

献体者の写真も
見たことないけど...



IT'S A
GAMBLE.



...MY
BODY...!!

SHE
MUST'VE
COME
TO GET
BACK...





EDGE OF
PHANTOM!
IT'S STILL
AS SHARP
AS EVER!



FILVEAR'S
RIGHT
ARM'S
GONE!!

IS TWISTING THE DOG'S FACE IN AGONY.

THE VAGUE SENSE
OF PAIN LEFT,



表情は
悶絶
苦痛に
歪む

大に
わづか
異な
れた
痛覚

THIS REMINDS
ME OF ITS
HUMAN ORIGIN.



AND MAKES IT MORE AMUSING FOR THE SPECTATORS



THE ROARS OF ANGER AND EXHILARATION



空を
埋めつくす

ROMAAR

FILL THE SKY

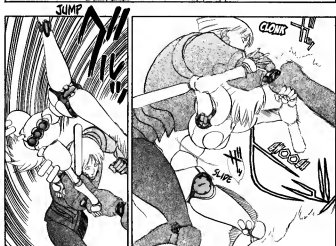
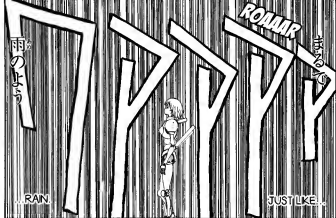


CLANK

CLANK

THUD

CRASH



...ENJOYING
IT...?

楽しんでる...?





AND
FILVEAR'S
BLACK
BOLT!!

ROAR

BANG

BELGER!
IT'S HIS
SPECIAL
ATTACK,
MIRAGE
SMASH!!!

BANG
BANG

SHOOON



SMASH





THE
2 HAVE
LOST
THEIR
SPIRIT!

WHAT
THE
RUMORS
HAD US
EXPECT
...

THERE'S NO
CHALLENGER
FOR SIRIUS
AFTER ALL?!

ROAR



SPECIAL
ATTACK
SPOOK
DANCE
EXPLOSION!







IT'S THE
SHOUT
FOR THE
FINISHING
BLOW!

KILL!

KILL!



以前の私なら
命令通り動い
ただろう...



KILL!

KILL!



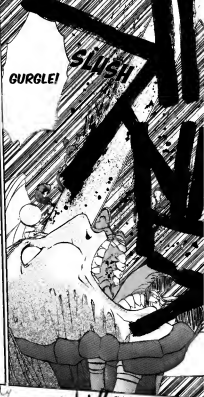
THE PAST ME
WOULD'VE DONE
AS I'M TOLD.
BUT...
I'M NOT A DOG
ANYMORE
TO FINISH THEM
OFF...





GURGLE!

SLASH



SWISH





RUMBLE

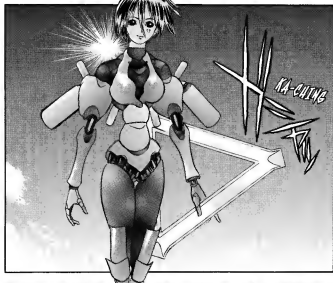


**HOW
NAIVE,
SIRIUS.**

CRANK

Y...
YOU CAN...
SPEAK...
TOO?

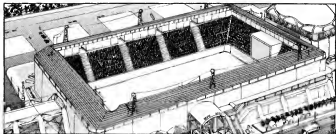
YOU
SHOULD
KILL THE
LOSERS
WITHOUT
A SECOND
THOUGHT.



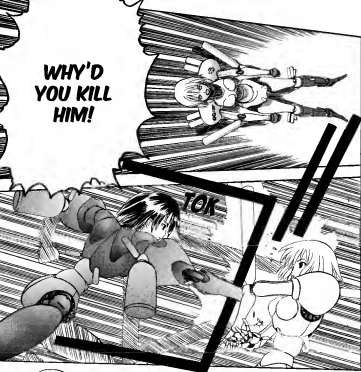


CHAPTER 9
【第9話】

もう1人の覚醒者
ANOTHER AWOKEN ONE



**WHY'D
YOU KILL
HIM!**

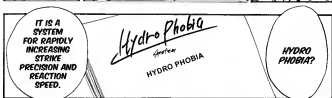


THEY
WERE IN
MY WAY.



SHE'S FAST!







DRIP

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE KILLED
THEM...?
YOU'RE SO
OBVIOUS.



SINCE THE
START OF
THE BATTLE,
YOU WERE
EXCITED,
RIGHT?

THE
MOMENT
YOU
CRUSHED
THOSE
TWO...
NO,



GETTING
WET,
PRACTI-
CALLY!



SCHLIK

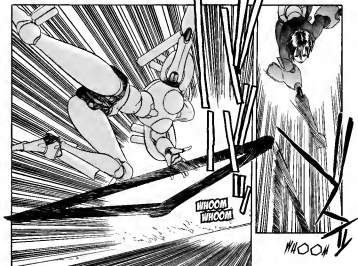


A PET
DOG
DOESN'T
NEED
THEM,
AFTER
ALL.



SORRY!
WE DON'T
HAVE THOSE
PARTS LEFT,
DO WE!

A HA
HA
HA
!!







IT TAKES
THIS MUCH
TO TAKE
DOWN A
MONSTER
LIKE YOU!

THUD THUD
THAT'S
THE
PURPOSE!



FLINCH FLINCH

THAT
MAKES
TWO
OF
US!

YOU'RE
CRAZY!

DOSS
BEHAVE
LIKE
DOSS!

CRACK







RUSTLE

RUSTLE



RUSTLE RUSTLE

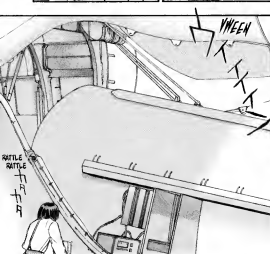
CLANK CLANK



CLANK CLANK









KA-CHING

...YOU
BRAT!

EEK!

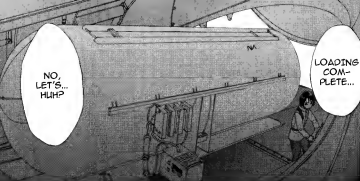
THUD
THUD

THUD

KICK

BANG





NO,
LET'S...
HUHP

LOADING
COM-
PLETE...



I DON'T
KNOW...

WHY...



SHE
MUST'VE
COME TO
SET IT
BACK...



BUT...
I COULDN'T
WAIT!

SHAKE
SHAKE



MY
BODY...
THAT
WOMAN...

MUSCLE
FIBER...

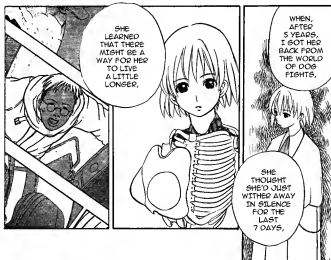
SHAKE

SHAKE
SHAKE



THERE'S NO POINT, ANYWAY.





**SHE
DECIDED
TO LIVE!**

**NO
MATTER
HOW PITIFUL
AND HARD
IT WOULD
BE.**



BESIDES,

WUEEN

TAAAA

OTO,
THAT'S
TOO MUCH...

USUALLY,
THE PART
OF FLESH
THAT CAN'T
BE LEFT
FOR THE
BUTCHER'S
IS THROWN
AWAY,
ANYWAY...

EVEN THE
MAYFLY'S
MAKING
THE MOST
OF ITS
7-DAY-
LIFE!





WHAT KIND OF TECHNOLOGY ...?!

WHAT. ?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN...?!

BUT... WHOLE BODY TRANSPLANT...?
NO TISSUE REJECTION...?

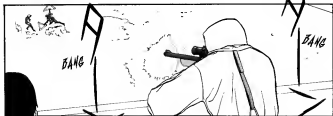


CLIP CLIP

NOW THAT'S SETTLED, LET'S GO!
LET'S GO!

...?!
* * *





LOOK
AT YOU,
SIRIUS!

KA-CHING

THROB

THROB THROB

CRASH

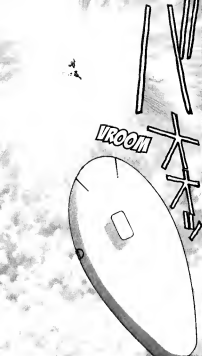
ALIVE

GOOD
JOB!











WAAH

RUN AWAY!

AH...
I FORGOT
TO TELL
YOU THIS...

THERE IS
SOMETHING
MORE ABOUT
SIRIUS' HYDRO
PHOBIA...

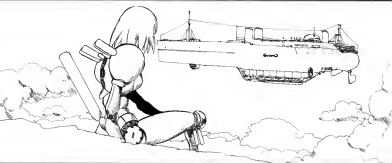


CHAPTER 10

【第10話】

血の記憶

BLOOD MEMORY







YES!
HOW IS
SHE?

IS
PROCHYON
PROPERLY
HIDDEN
NOW?



THE
CLEANING
OF THE
BRAIN
IS IN
PROCESS.



SO, THE
HEMATO-
MAS AND
SOME
OTHER
PARTICLES
MUST BE
REMOVED
...

THE
INTRA-
CRANIAL
PRESSURE
WAS VERY
HIGH,



THAT'S
QUITE
LONG...

AFTER THIS,
THE SPINAL
FLUID MUST
BE CHANGED,
AND IT'LL
TAKE
ANOTHER
30 HOURS.



NO
MATTER
WHAT,
I'M GONNA
GET IN
BETWEEN
THOSE
SIBLINGS!

THAT'S
THE
SPIRIT!



THE
TANK WILL
COPY AND
PRODUCE
A SPINAL
LIQUID
IDENTICAL
TO HER'S.

IT'S
DIFFERENT
FROM
DIALYSIS
IN THE
WAY THAT,

BLUB
BLUB



AH...
YEAH,
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT...

I WANTED
TO ASK
YOU FOR A
LONG TIME,
BUT, ARE
YOU A
DOCTOR?



I WAS
LEARNING
UNDER A
DOG FIGHT
APPRENTICE.



FOR THAT,
WE MUST
USE THE
PLASMA-FREE
HEMOGLOBIN
AND PROTEIN
ADAPTATION
HORMONE.

FIRST,
HER SPINAL
FLUID IS
ANALYZED

O...OKAY!
THAT'S
ENOUGH...

GIBBERISH GIBBERISH

SHE'D
CHANGED
COMPLETELY.

HAVING
SAID THAT
IT WAS
AT MOST
HALF-
A-
MONTH
BEFORE

I TOO
SNEAKED
INTO THE
WORLD OF
DOG FIGHTS
TO FIND
HER AND
BRING HER
BACK.

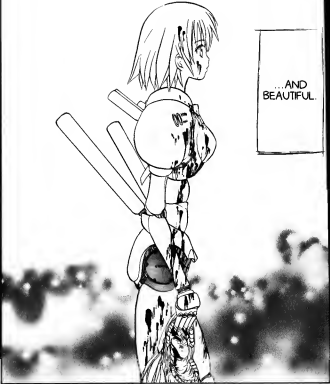


THAT'S
WHEN
I SAW
HER FOR
THE FIRST
TIME IN
5 YEARS.



I GOT
A POST
THERE
AT THE
DAY OF
HER
29TH
VICTORY.





...AND
BEAUTIFUL.

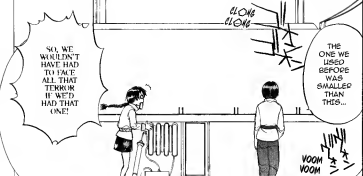
HUH?

BUT,
I DIDN'T
THINK THE
KENNEL
WOULD
BE THIS
BIG.

負けるものか

I CAN'T WIN

SISTER-
COMPLEX
AS
ALWAYS...





THIS
IS OUR
PRINCESS,
THE WHITE
NUMBER 13,
ICE DOLL.



SO,
NEWCOMER,
IS THIS
YOUR FIRST
TIME
SEEING A
FIGHTING
DOG?

YES.



NEVER
MIND.

ANYWAY
IM...



WHAT... IS THIS
FAMILIAR VOICE...

WHAT IS IT...
I CAN'T
REMEMBER.



IS
SHE
DEAD
??



I MUST
ONLY THINK
ABOUT
BEATING MY
OPPONENT

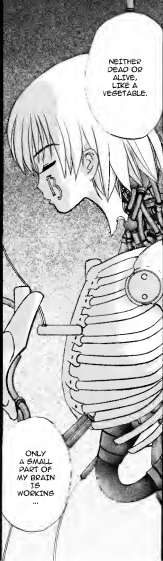
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...



SO,
IT'S ALSO
YOUR FIRST
DGS FIGHT
TODAY,
HUM?



NEITHER
DEAD OR
ALIVE,
LIKE A
VEGETABLE.

ONLY
A SMALL
PART OF
MY BRAIN
IS
WORKING
...



ONLY
HAND-PICKED
RICH PEOPLE
CAN ATTEND
THIS ILLEGAL
GAMBLING
MATCH.

THE
DOGS
ARE MADE
TO FIGHT
EACH OTHER
ON THIS
ARTIFICIAL
ISLAND.



TO KEEP
THESE
DOGS...
I MEAN
HUMAN-
TOYS
ALIVE...
NO,

AND,
WE'RE
HERE,



TCHHHHT

WE'RE
HERE TO
PRESERVE
THEM AND
PREVENT
THEM FROM
DYING.



SIR!

I LEFT
AND
SHE'LL
BECOME
SERIOUS.

29TH
VICTORY,
HUHP

HM?

HOW'S
MY SWEET
GIRL
DOING?

GOOD
WORK!
KEEP IT
UP!

AT THE
MOMENT,
HER
CONDITION
IS STABLE

I SEE,
I SEE.



YEAH,
YESTERDAY'S
ODDS WERE
1.01, OR
SOMETHING.



DID
YOU HEAR?
ICE DOLL'S
TOO STRONG,
SO IT'S HARD
TO ARRANGE
THE BET.

CLATTER



THEY
MIGHT
TWEAK
HER,
OR...

THERE'S
A RUMOR
THAT THE
PRODUCER
IS ABOUT
TO ORDER
THE ICE
DOLL A
HANDICAP.

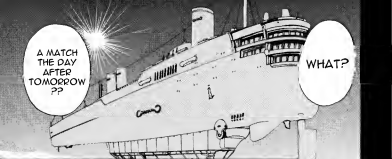
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I CAN'T
IMAGINE
THAT
ICE DOLL
LOSING...



WELL,
AS LONG
AS IT'S
NOTHING
MASSIVE
...



A MATCH
THE DAY
AFTER
TOMORROW ??

WHAT?



THE
MONEY
WILL GO
UP ONE
RANK
TOO!



LISTEN,
IF SHE
WINS 8
MATCHES
IN A ROW,
WE'LL GET
THE TITLE
SIGMA.



THIS KIND
OF SCHEDULE
WILL BOOST
THE BRAIN'S
DECAY!

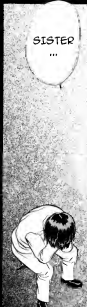
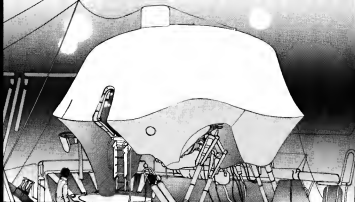
THE
DOS'S LIFE
WILL BE
SHORTENED
!!

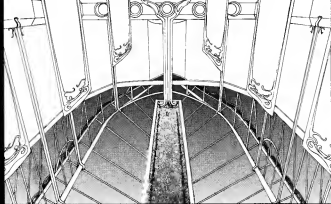


GREEDY
DICK!



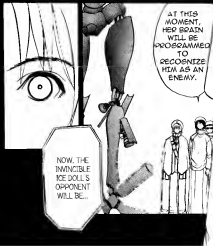
QUIT
COM-
PLAINING
AND DO
YOUR
JOB!





SHE
GETS TO
MEET HER
OPPONENT.

WHAT IS
GOING ON?
THE
MATCH IS
TOMORROW.

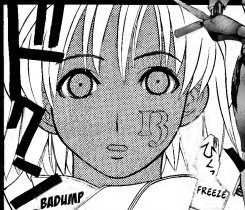


AT THIS
MOMENT,
HER BRAIN
WILL BE
PROGRAMMED
TO
RECOGNIZE
HIM AS AN
ENEMY.

NOW, THE
INVINCIBLE
ICE DOLL'S
OPPONENT
WILL BE...



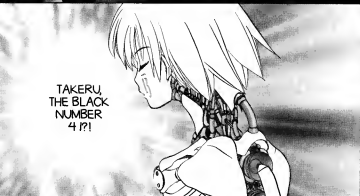
THE
BLACK
NUMBER
41,
TAKERU!



SIR! THE
HEART RATE
AND BRAIN
WAVES ARE
ABNORMALLY
HIGH!

WHAT!



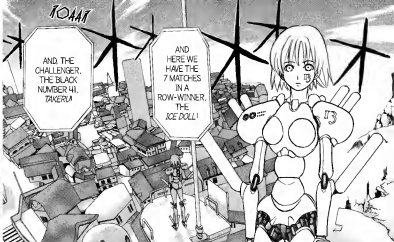


IF THIS
IS TO
TRICK
HER...

WHO
WOULD
DO IT
...?!



WHAT
AN EERIE
CRAFT!
LIKE A
SAVAGE
DEMON!



AND THE
CHALLENGER,
THE BLACK
NUMBER 41,
TAKERU!

AND
HERE WE
HAVE THE
7 MATCHES
IN A
ROW-WINNER,
THE
ICE DOLL!

WHEN IT
COMES TO
KATZBALGER
CLASS
MATCHES,

MY...
OUR HOME
TOWN!!

YOU GET
TO FREELY
CHOOSE THE
APPEARANCE
OF THE
ISLAND
ARENA.

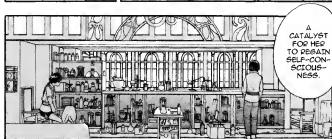


THE FACT
THAT ICE
DOLL IS
BATTLING
FOR THE
TITLE OF
SIRIUS.



HER BRAIN
WAVES ARE
UNSTABLE!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!









ALL
RIGHT,
TAKE
THEM!

WE
FOUND
TWO OF
THEM!

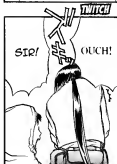


IT'S THE
PHILANTHROPIST
MARCELLES'
ORDERS...



SO
TEDIOUS
...

"EVERYONE
TO BE
CAPTURED
ALIVE",
HE SAID.



SIR!

OUCH!



OH WELL,
THEY'RE
JUST BRATS,
SO
WHATEVER...



TWITCH TWITCH





CRUSH CRUSH



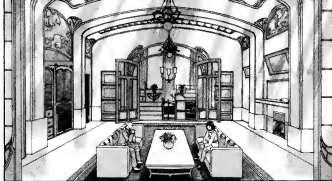


CHAPTER 11

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帰らぬ心

THE WANDERING SOUL



WE ARE
LOCATED
IN THE
OUTSKIRTS
OF CAPZHE
MALPHA.

ALBION,
SALA
PUTNAM'S
BRANCH
COMPANY.

CLATTER
CLATTER

WHERE'S
MY
SISTER!!

TELL
ME OR
I'LL...

CRASH

AH!

GRAB



THIS
WOULD BE
A LITTLE BIT
HARD FOR
THEM TO
UNDERSTAND.

I WANTED
TO SPEAK
ALONE
WITH YOU.

DO NOT
WORRY,
THEY ARE
RESTING IN
ANOTHER
ROOM.

WHAT
ABOUT
THOSE
TWO...
OTO AND
APRIL?

...U//
SMILE



LET
ALONE,
SEIZE A
KENNEL
...

TO BE
HONEST,
I DID NOT
THINK YOU
WOULD DO
SOMETHING
SO BOLD AS
ESCAPING
AND TAKING
MISS
SAYOKO
WITH YOU.



Q



CLICK
CLICK

YOU MUST
BE ALBION'S
SOFA-REPRE-
SENTATIVE,
WEDDER
MARCELLES
...

AH...

WHY
WOULD
THE LIKES
OF YOU BE
INTERESTED
IN ME...?

THANKS
TO THIS
WE COULD
EASILY FIND
OUT YOUR
WHEREABOUTS.

THIS
TRACKING
DEVICE
THAT WE
ATTACHED
BEFORE-
HAND
TO THE
KENNEL

NORMALLY,
YOU
WOULD
SURELY
NOTICE
THINGS
SUCH AS,

I MUST
SAY, YOU
WERE IN
QUITE THE
HURRY
WITH THE
SPINAL
FLUID
REPLACE-
MENT.



YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE TO
BRING ME
HERE JUST
TO GET
RID OF...

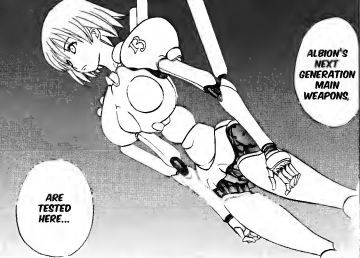
...WHY'RE
YOU GOING
THROUGH
ALL THIS
WITH ME?

THAT IS,
A
MASSIVE
EXPERI-
MENT!

AS YOU
REALIZED,
THE DOG
FIGHTS ARE
DISGUISED
AS GAMBLING
TO COVER
THEIR TRUE
NATURE,

COULD
IT BE...
THE DOG
FIGHTS
ARE
REALLY

THAT'S
MORE
LIKE YOU,
TAKERU.



ALBION'S
NEXT
GENERATION
MAIN
WEAPONS.

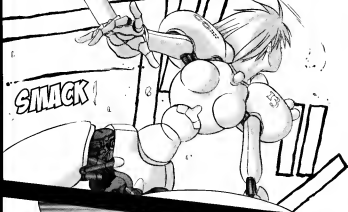
ARE
TESTED
HERE...



WE WERE
AFTER THE
BATTLE DATA
STORED IN
MISS SAYOKO'S
CEREBELLUM
AND
EXTENSION
DISC.



IT WAS
I WHO
ORDERED
THE
HANDICAP
FOR HER
THAT DAY.



THIS
HAS
NEVER
HAPPENED
...

THE BRAIN
WAVES
HAVE
SUDDENLY
DROPPED!

OH MY!
WHAT IS
HAPPENING?
ICE DOLL
IS GETTING
THROWN
AROUND!

THE
BLACK
NUMBER
41...

CRASH

TAKERUI

BLACK
NUMBER
41...



TAKERU



ICE DOLL
DOWN!
THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME IN
HER 30
MATCHES!



WILL
I EVEN
FORGET
MY OWN
NAME,
IF I KEEP
GOING
LIKE
THIS...

I CAN'T
DAY AFTER
DAY MY
MIND
SYNCHRO-
NIZED
WITH A
MACHINE...

I CAN'T
I CAN'T
REMEMBER



MY
BROTHER'S
FACE...

SAYOKO
TACHIBANA

IS THE
LEGEND
OF THE
INVINCIBLE
FIGHTER
OVER?!



SHE'S
HESITATING!
SINCE SHE
GOT AN
OPPONENT
WHO HAS
MY NAME!



7
SEC-
ONDS
LEFT!

CHECKING
THE DAMAGE
TO THE
CEREBRUM
AND
PREMOTOR
AREA
SYSTEM!



SHE'S
GETTING
HAM-
MERED
!!



I'M
HERE!

SISTER!



SISTER!

SISTER!

SISTER!





I KEPT
GOING ON
FOR 5
YEARS.
IT'S
ENOUGH
ALREADY

TAKERU



MY
BODY'S
HEAVY.
I WANT
RELEASE

CRINGE



TAKERU?
DID YOU
TOO TAKE
THIS FORM
AND
LIVE ON?

RATTLE
RATTLE



JERK

BADUMP BADUMP

MY
HEART'S
OVER-
WHELMED
!!

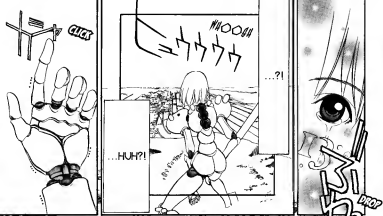
THIS IS
WHERE
IT ALL
BEGAN
!

AN AIR
FIELD!

DREAM
FUTURE
DESPAIR...

BADUMP





THE
FOG...
HAS
LIFTED
...!!

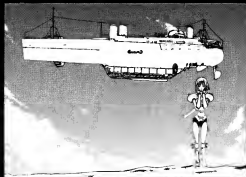
IT'S...
ME...?!

...AH...

**UNBE-
LIEVABLE
!!**

**PREFRONTAL
AREA,
9, 10, 11
AND SPEECH
CENTER HAVE
RECOVERED!!**

**BRAIN
WAVES!
THEY'VE
IN-
CREASED
BEYOND
NORMAL!**



**HOW
COULD
THIS...
HAPPEN
?!**



SHAKE SHAKE



NO WAY!
THE DOGS
WON'T
COME
CLOSER
THAN 50M
TO THE
FLAGSHIP
...?!

TOK

THE
BATTLE IS
MOVING
CLOSER?

THE
PRINCESS
HAS...
REGAINED
SELF-CON-
SCIOUS-
NESS...?

CRASH

CRASH

!!

I MUST
GET
AWAY
FROM
THIS
SHIP

NOW'S
NOT THE
TIME TO
THINK
ABOUT
THE
REALITY!



...
TAKERU!





THE
BLACK
NUMBER
4!!!

GOTTA
STAY
ALIVE!
I CAN'T
DIE
HERE!

treizième
77

SWOOSH

CRANK





ICE DOLL
TAKES
ITS 30TH
VICTORY!
IT IS
THE BIRTH
OF A
SIRIUS!



IT WAS
THE
EDGE OF
PHANTOM!



ARE
YOU
OKAY
WITH
THAT?!



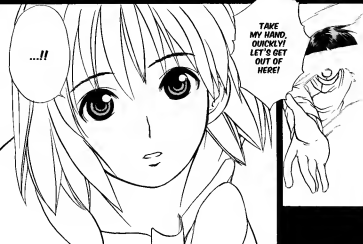
YOUR
BRAIN
WILL START
TO DECAY!
YOU WON'T
LAST ONE
WEEK!

IF YOU
DON'T GET
TREATMENT
WITH
PROPER
EQUIPMENT,



79...
WAVER

W...WAIT!
WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING?!





RIFLE RIFLE





THAT
WAS MORE
IMPORTANT.



BUT,
BECAUSE
WE WERE
ABOUT TO LOSE
PRECIOUS
DATA.

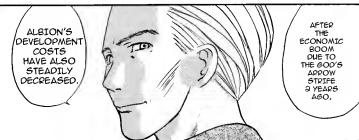
カ
カ
カ
カ
CLACK CLACK

CLACK CLACK



THE
REASON
FOR
SENDING
HUNTERS
AFTER YOU
WAS NOT
BECAUSE THE
DOGS FIGHTS
WOULD GET
EXPOSED.

カ
カ
カ
CLACK



ALBION'S
DEVELOPMENT
COSTS
HAVE ALSO
STEADILY
DECREASED.

AFTER
THE
ECONOMIC
BOOM
DUE TO
THE GOD'S
ARROW
STRIFE
3 YEARS
AGO,



BECAUSE,

GRIND

WHY'RE
YOU
EXPLAINING
THIS
FINANCIAL
SITUATION
TO A
COMPLETE
STRANGER
...?



THAT
IS
WHY,

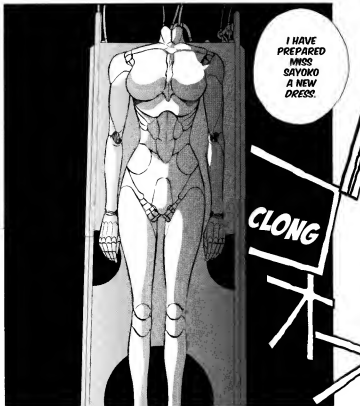


CLONG
CLONG



I AM
GOING TO
USE YOUR
SISTER
ONE MORE
TIME.

SCREECH



I HAVE
PREPARED
MISS
SAYOKO
A NEW
DRESS.

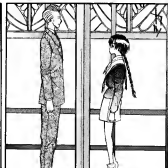
CLONG



CHAPTER 12
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新たな首輪
A NEW COLLAR







YOU
KNOW
MY
FATHER?



WAS
PART OF A
RESEARCH
TEAM THAT
ALBION HAD
INVESTED
IN.

MR.
OSAKA,



THAT WAS
FOR THE
ADVANCE-
MENT OF
MEDICINE

HE WAS
DOING
RESEARCH
ON
ARTIFICIAL
ARMS AND
LESS
CLOSER TO
THE HUMAN
BODY.

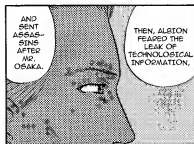
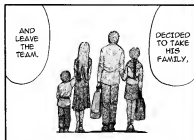


THEY
WOULD
CONNECT TO
ALL THE
NERVES AND
FEEL AS IF
THEY WERE
YOUR
OWN.

THEY WERE
DEVELOPING
ARTIFICIAL
ARMS
AND LESS
TO REPLACE
LOST
ONES,

AND, THE
PERSON IN
CHARGE OF
THE RESEARCH
WAS MR.
WERNER
IMMELMANN,
YOUR
UNCLE.





SQUEEZE

THE
RESEARCH
PIQUED
ALBION'S
INTEREST.

AND, WE
INVESTED
LARGE
AMOUNTS
OF
MONEY.



I HAVE
NO OTHER
EXCUSE.

I DEEPLY
APOLOGIZE.
IT WAS THE
DECISION
OF THE
UPPER
MANAGE-
MENT.



...



**MANY
PEOPLE
DIED!**





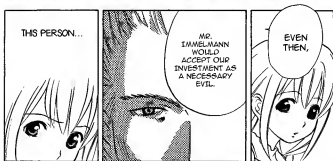
THIS PERSON...



MR.
IMMELMANN
WOULD
ACCEPT OUR
INVESTMENT AS
A NECESSARY
EVIL...



EVEN
THEN,



WHERE
IS HE?



MY...
UNCLE...

THE
INVESTMENT
BUDGET FOR
THE NEW
PYRAMIDAL
TRACT IS
STILL
UNCLEAR...



AH, WE
WOULD
LIKE TO
KNOW AS
WELL.



SHE
WILL NOT
LOSE HER
SPIRIT,

DO NOT
WORRY.



YOU'RE
TELLING
ME TO
FIDDLE
WITH
HER?



NOW,
TAKERU,

WOULD
YOU KINDLY
JOIN US
FOR THE
INSTALLING
OF MS.
SAYOKO'S
NEW BODY?

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
THEN ...

EVEN IF
I REFUSED,
THEY'D DO IT
ANYWAY...

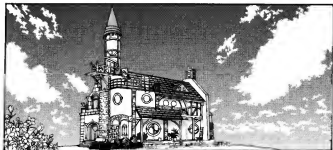


YOUR
SISTER
WILL BE
LONELY IF
YOU ARE
NOT BY
HER SIDE
WHEN SHE
WAKES UP.

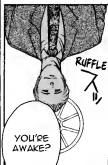
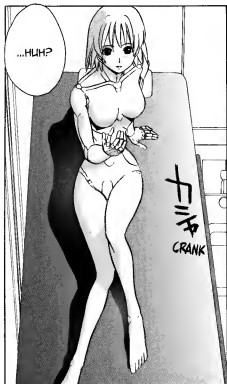
AND,

THIS IS
GOOD
PRACTICE
FOR YOU.











I WAS
ALWAYS
WATCHING
YOUR
BATTLES
AS A
FIGHTING
DOG.



WE
HAVE NOT
SPOKEN
IN 5
YEARS.

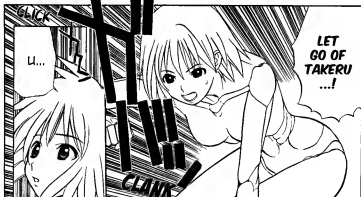


YOU'RE...



THIS
IS THE
SITUATION.

SORRY...
SISTER.



LET
GO OF
TAKERU
...!



IT IS
A LOCK
MECHANISM
BASED ON
THE IDENTIFICATION
FRIEND
OR FOE SYSTEM.

TREMBLE
TREMBLE



WH...
WHAT'S
THIS...



CRASH



YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO EVEN
LIFT YOUR
FINGER
NOW.



DO NOT
FORGET
THAT
YOU ARE
ALBION'S
PRISONER.



WITHIN 2
METERS OF
SPECIFIED
PEOPLE.

YOU ARE
UNABLE
TO USE
PHYSICAL
POWER,





A BOTHER-SOME REPLACEMENT OF SPINAL FLUID IS NO LONGER NECESSARY.

IT IS COMPLETE WITH AN ARTIFICIAL SPINE.



AND, THE EMOTIONAL SPEECH AREA AND MOBILITY SPEECH AREA HAVE BEEN REPAIRED.

AND, THE SPINE'S REACTION SPEED HAS BEEN IMPROVED RADICALLY.



IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO TALK BEFORE, WAS IT NOT?



NOW THAT YOU MENTIONED IT...





WHAT'RE
YOU
PLANNING
...?



WE HAVE
ALSO
EQUIPPED
THE EDGE
OF
PHANTOM
WITH A
SINGLE
FOCUS
FORMULA.

THIS
SHOULD
HAVE
BOOSTED
ITS POWER
BY 30%.

THE DOG
FIGHTS
AGAIN....?

W-OW

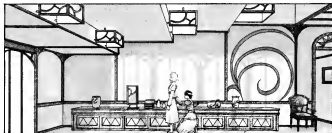


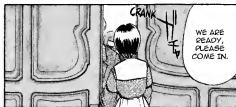
CLOTHES,
PLEASE!

I HAVE
SOMEONE
I WISH
TO INTRO-
DUCE
YOU TO.



OH NO,
WE ARE NOT
EXPECTING
YOU TO
PARTICIPATE
IN SUCH
STRENUOUS
HARD-WARE-
BATTLES
AGAIN.









I DID
NOT BRING
YOU TWO
TOGETHER
TO HAVE
YOU FIGHT
EACH
OTHER.



...!



I KNOW
YOU WISH
TO KILL
EACH
OTHER.

IFF IS
PREVENTING
YOU FROM
ATTACKING.

rustle



twitch

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

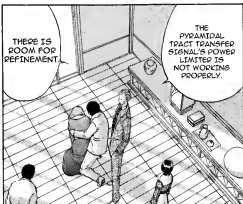
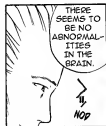
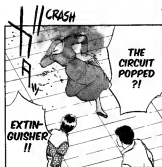


NGH.

screech

CLATTER
CLATTER







CHAPTER 13

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北へ
HEADING NORTH



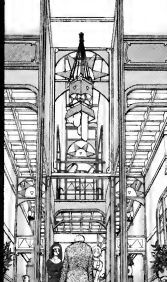


RATTLE CLACK



WHISPER







WE ARE
ALREADY
IN A
WAR WITH
SCHWALL.



LISTEN
TO ME!

ARE YOU
STARTING
A WAR?!



FIRSTLY,
I WILL
HAVE YOU
SEIZE
CONTROL
OF THIS
ZAO HILL
FACTORY



APART
FROM
ARMOR
PIERCING
BULLETS,
NOTHING
CAN HURT
YOU



THIS
SHOULD
BE NO
PROBLEM
FOR YOU
TWO



CRANK

THERE
YOU
WILL BE
UNDER THE
COMMAND
OF THE
SPECIAL
TASK
SQUAD



THIS IS THE
COMMANDING
OFFICER OF
THE SQUAD
SUB-
LIEUTENANT
CUNNING-
HAM



THE MAN WHO
MURDERED
HER IS RIGHT IN
FRONT OF ME...

MYAKO...



ROSE,



IGNORED
...?



YOU SAID
YOU...
KNOW ME
FROM
BEFORE...



OTO,



RATTLE



WHY?!

YOU CAN
STILL
TURN BACK
FROM HERE,
WITH APRIL...



I'LL BE
BLUNT
THEN!
YOU'RE A
BURDEN!



I'D
JUST BE
ALONE IF
I WENT
BACK
HOME?!
I'D
RATHER...



THERE
CAN'T BE
ANY LEAK!
IS IT AN
ACCIDENTAL
ENCOUNTER
WITH THE
ENEMY
PATROL?

AN
AMBUSH
??

THUD THUD



BASH BASH



BANG BANG BANG

THE
DRIVER'S
DOWN!

A
MORTAR
?!



CHING

THEY
MUST'VE
SPOTTED
US FROM
THAT HELL...

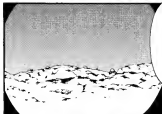
2
MINUTES,
NO...
1 MINUTE
...?



ALIGHT
TO THE
RIGHT!

CLICK

CLICK



6 ON
THE RIGHT,
4 ON
THE LEFT...
I CANNOT
SEE THE
DEAD.



BA-BANG BANG



IT'S AN
IMPROMPTU
AMBUSH
FROM THEIR
SIDE TOO,
SO THEIR
PLAN'S
OBVIOUS!



THEY'RE
INVITING
US!
THE FIELD'S
FILLED
WITH LAND
MINES.



THE
LEFT IS
VIRTUALLY
EMPTY.
SHOULD WE
PENETRATE
??



KA-CHA



SWOOSH

WE'LL
APPROACH
UP TO THAT
SHELTER!
SERGEANT
FROM THE
RIGHT!
WE'LL CUT
IT!



PREPARE
TO GIVE
SUPPORT-
ING
FIRE!

SUPPORTING
FIRE!
MAKE THEM
LOWER
THEIR
HEADS!

SWISH

FOLLOW
ME!

PASH

SEIZE THE
ZAO HILL
FACTORY
?

IS IT
REALLY
NECESSARY
TO CHOOSE
SUCH A
TARGET
FOR JUST
A TEST?!

PANT

PANT

NOVATILE

HI CLICK

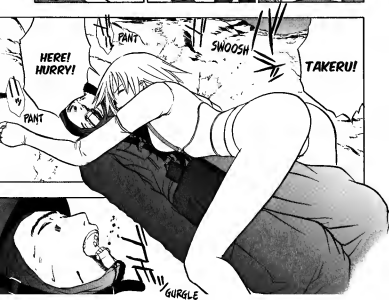
RA-TATA

THAT
MARCELLE'S...
WHAT'S HE
THINKING...

PANT

PANT

SWOOSH





PANT PANT



NO
GOOD...
THE LUNG
HAS BEEN
PIERCED!

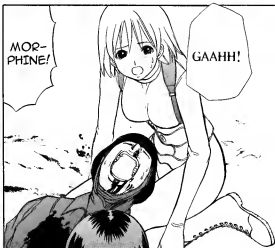


WHOOOSH

GET AWAY
FROM
THERE!
GET THE
WOUNDED
TO THE
SHELTER!



MOR-
PHINE!



GAAHH!



SQUEEZE



PANT

MOM...!

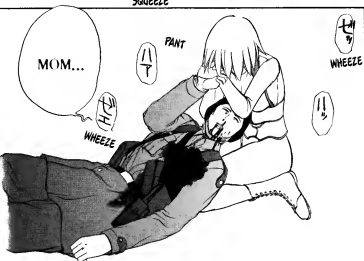
MOM...



GAH

MOM...

WHEEZE



MOM...

PANT

WHEEZE

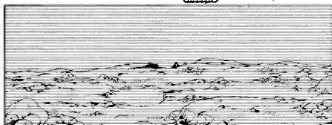
WHEEZE

HE'S DEAD.





CHEEING











WE LOST
1 MAN,
PRIVATE CHUCK.
THE DRIVER
GOT FLESH
WOUNDS,
PLUS 4 MEN
HAVE SOME
MAJOR AND
MINOR
INJURIES.

SIRIUS
AND ROSE
TOOK DOWN
THE TWO
ENEMY
SQUADS.



SIR!
HE'S
DEAD
ALREADY!
SIR!

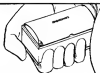
THOSE
CREATURES
...





IT'S A
CONDITION,
WHERE NEW
MEMORIES
CAN'T BE
REGISTERED
INTO THE
BRAIN.

DO YOU
KNOW
WERNICKE'S
DISEASE?



THE LAST
4 YEAR'S
MEMORIES
ARE IN
THIS
EXTERNAL
DISK.



YOUR 5TH
OPPONENT
IN THE
DOG
FIGHTS...

YOU DON'T
REMEMBER,
DO YOU,
SIRIUS?



to be continued...

DOG FIGHTS

DUE TO THEIR BRUTALITY AND INHUMANITY, DOG FIGHTS ARE OFFICIALLY FORBIDDEN, BUT THERE'S AN UNSPOKEN AGREEMENT ABOUT THEM, SO IT'S NOT RARE TO HAVE THEM IN THE OPEN AND ON OFFICIAL FIGHTING GROUNDS.

THE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF ONE MATCH IS ENORMOUS. THE MONEY MOVING IN THE TOP CLASS KATZBALGER MATCHES CAN EXCEED A SMALL COUNTRY'S NATIONAL BUDGET.

RANK HIERARCHY SYSTEM

KATZBALGER

THESE ARE THE TOP 5 MACHINES. THEY PARTICIPATE IN FEW MATCHES IN A YEAR, ALMOST ALL OF WHICH ARE TITLE MATCHES.



HALBERT

THERE ARE 10 OF THESE SO-CALLED A-CLASS FIGHTING DOGS. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMPETE FOR TITLES.



FALCHION

AROUND 20 MACHINES, THAT FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER. THE DEATH RATE IS THE HIGHEST AMONG THIS CLASS.



RAPIER

AROUND 50 MACHINES ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THEIR OWN FIGHTING STYLE. THEY ARE POPULAR AMONG GAMBLERS.



BASILARD

THERE'S OVER 100 MACHINES IN THIS CLASS. MANY OF THEM ARE UNOFFICIAL FIGHTERS, NOT CONTROLLED BY ALBION.

ESSENTIALLY, THE RULES DO NOT FORBID THE USE OF HAND-HELD ARMS, SO FIREARMS CAN BE USED.

HOWEVER, AS MOBILITY AND ARMOR HAVE BEEN IMPROVING, THE RISK WHILE USING PROJECTILES HAS INCREASED.

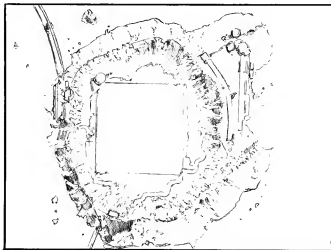
THEREFORE LATELY, MACHINES FOCUSING ON CLOSE COMBAT ARE GETTING MORE COMMON.



AS SEEN IN THIS VOLUME, THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THESE CYBORGS IS ALBION'S WEAPON TESTING. HOWEVER, WHY THEY DO IT IN SUCH AN OPEN MANNER, IS A MYSTERY.

ALBION PROVIDES EVERY TEAM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ACCORDING TO THE DOGS' RANKING. THEN, THE TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO DRAW OUT THE DOGS' INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES.

NATURALLY, THERE IS OPPOSITION AGAINST ALBION'S DICTATORIAL METHOD.



ONLY FEW SELECTED PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO SPECTATE THE KATZBALGER-CLASS MATCHES ON THIS ISLAND. THERE ARE ACCOMMODATION, CASINO AND AN AIR FIELD AMONG THE FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND.

CICATRICE THE SIRIUS 2

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